

World War II was one of America's greatest triumphs but was also a conflict rife with individual sacrifice and tragedy. More than 60 million people worldwide were killed, including 40 million civilians, and more than 400,000 American service members were slain during the long war. The ultimate victory over enemies in the Pacific and in Europe is a testament to the valor of American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. The years 1941 to 1945 also witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of domestic industry, which supplied our military on two distant fronts.

In Louisiana, there remain today about 30,000 living WWII veterans, and each one has a heroic tale of achieving the noble victory of freedom over tyranny. This group had 25 veterans who served in the U.S. Army, 19 in the Army Air Corps, 29 in the Navy, 11 in the Marine Corps, 2 in the Merchant Marines, 2 in the Coast Guard, and 2 were Army nurses.

Our heroes, many of them from South Louisiana, trekked the world for their country. They fought in Germany, Holland, France, Italy, Africa, Guam, Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the Philippines, New Guinea, Japan and Saipan. Their journeys included the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy.

One of our Army Air Corps veterans was declared missing in action for 58 days in Yugoslavia after bailing out of his aircraft. Another Army veteran fought bravely in the Battle of the Bulge, while an Army Air Corps veteran made the Bataan Death March and spent 5 years in prison camps before being liberated on August 17, 1946.

One Navy veteran earned a Gold star, Bronze star, and Hazardous Award for his service in the Pacific. An Army Air Corps veteran fought in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East where he received an Air Medal, three oak leaf clusters, and a Distinguished Unit Badge for his outstanding service.

A Navy veteran earned seven campaign stars and was in Tokyo Bay the morning of the Japanese surrender. Another veteran served as part of the 101st Airborne, fighting in Holland, Bastogne, Alsace, Ruhr, and Berchtesgarden.

I am also proud to acknowledge that of the 90 veterans who visited Washington this past weekend, 5 were women who served our country with honor and distinction during World War II. Three brothers also made the trip together.

I ask the Senate to join me in honoring these 90 veterans, all Louisiana heroes, who visited Washington, and Louisiana HonorAir for making these trips a reality.●

RECOGNIZING REED & REED, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, as our Nation increases its efforts to be more environmentally friendly, individuals, families, and businesses, both large and

small, wisely continue to invest in green energy innovation. As we enter an exciting era of remarkable technological advances that will change the course of America forever, we are creating a more energy efficient and competitive Nation. I wish to recognize a small contracting firm from my home State of Maine that has become a leader in the promising field of wind power technology.

Located in the small midcoast town of Woolwich, Reed & Reed, Inc., is a general contracting company that focuses on a wide array of projects ranging from bridge construction to wind power services. Founded in 1928, the company was a partnership of Captain Josiah W. Reed and his son, Carlton Day Reed, with a mere \$2,000 capital investment. Presently run by two Colby College graduates, president and CEO Jackson A. Parker and treasurer Thomas C. Reed, Reed & Reed is well positioned to remain the premier wind power services contractor in New England for decades to come.

Throughout its storied history, Reed & Reed has been at the center of numerous critical projects across the region. From its early focus on constructing bridges, to more recent ventures including commercial buildings, marine terminals, and industrial facilities, the company has built a strong reputation based on the expansive breadth of its work. Among other efforts, Reed & Reed has helped construct facilities at the Brunswick Naval Air Station and Portland's International Ferry Terminal and has been involved in several transportation construction projects, including repairs to bridges on Maine's interstate highways and the Maine Turnpike Widening Project earlier this decade. One of the more impressive projects Reed & Reed has been associated with is the historic Penobscot Narrows Bridge, only the second cable-stayed bridge in all of New England and a massive accomplishment in its own right. Additionally, the company earned numerous recognitions and awards for this monumental task, including an Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Reed & Reed has most recently taken the leading role in several wind power service projects in various spots across Maine. The firm is presently at work on the Kibby Mountain Wind Power Project, slated for completion 1 year from now. And Reed & Reed was at the heart of what is now Maine's largest wind power producer, the Stetson Mountain Project, which was completed last year in Danforth.

Earlier this year, the Maine Development Foundation selected Reed & Reed as one of its Champions of Economic Development because of the company's broad commitment to economic growth in Maine, high professional standards, and innovativeness. Among countless other awards, Reed & Reed has also received seven Build Maine Awards from

the Associated General Contractors of Maine, the most recent in recognition of the firm's extraordinary efforts on the Stetson wind project. Awarded based on a firm's innovation, environmental sensitivity, safety record, and general excellence, the Build Maine Award is a truly fitting tribute to Reed & Reed's superior quality of work.

Of note, leaders from Reed & Reed recently visited Spain and Germany with Maine Governor John Baldacci and other wind industry representatives as part of a weeklong trade mission. The trip provided a prime opportunity to showcase Maine's emergence as a leader in wind power, and it was a tremendous honor for such a deserving company to be invited to participate.

A name synonymous with ingenuity, Reed & Reed is leading Maine and New England into a new frontier of innovation and environmental responsibility. I commend Messrs. Parker and Reed, and everyone at Reed & Reed, for eight decades of unparalleled work in a variety of fields and wish them continued success in their multiple endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING LOUISVILLE, COLORADO

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I congratulate the city of Louisville, CO, for being named recently as the top place to live in the Nation by Money Magazine. I know that Colorado is home to many amazing towns, cities and communities. It would be nearly impossible to choose which among them is the top place to live, but I am proud that Louisville received this prestigious honor.

Every 2 years, Money Magazine releases a ranking of cities under 50,000 residents. In compiling these rankings, the editors consider factors such as economic opportunity, schools, affordability of homes, crime rates, and entertainment options for families. This year marks the third consecutive time Louisville has made the list, ranking fifth in 2005 and third in 2007.

In addition to the usual factors, this year's survey had an added component. People from around the nation said that the availability of great jobs was the most important factor to them when deciding where to live. This does not come as a surprise to any of us, but makes Louisville's ranking all that much more impressive for Colorado. While Louisville has certainly seen the effects of the economic downturn, it has been able to continue to support and attract cutting-edge businesses. ConocoPhillips is an example of just one business that has recently decided to put down roots in Louisville, where it plans to build a renewable energy and new technologies research facility. The businesses located in Louisville's Tech Center continue to be at the forefront of Colorado's high-tech development, and those located on Louisville's historic Main Street support jobs while continuing traditions started generations ago.